

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

Please rewrite the first paragraph on page 1, after the title, starting at line 3 as follows:

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/975,812, filed on October 11, 2001. This application further claims the benefit of and priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/200,437, filed April 28, 2000 and 09/844,111 filed April 27, 2001. Each of these applications and each document cited or referenced in each of these applications, including during any prosecution ("application cited documents"), and each document cited or referenced in each of the application cited documents, are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please rewrite the second paragraph on page 20 continuing on page 21, starting at line 15 as follows:

Table 1 depicts ED₅₀ values determined from dose-response curves and presented with 95% confidence limits. For lidocaine, the ED₅₀ values were determined only from the initial portion of the curve. Combinations were also examined using increasing doses of a fixed ratio of the indicated drugs. ED₅₀ values were determined and presented with the 95% confidence limits. The relative potency of the various drugs in combination was compared to the same drug alone as a ratio. The fixed ratios of lidocaine/morphine (0.5), lidocaine/buprenorphine (~~0.4~~)(2.4) and lidocaine/levorphanol (0.5) were used.

Please rewrite Table 2 on page 22, starting at line 1 as follows:

Table 2
Effects of fixed doses of morphine or lidocaine on the analgesic potency of various agents.

	ED ₅₀ (mM)	95% Confidence limits	Shift
Lidocaine alone	4.5 <u>2.5</u>	(2.0, 3.4)	
+ morphine 1.5 mM	1.0	(0.4, 1.8)	2.5
+ morphine 3.0 mM	0.8	(0.6, 1.1)	3.1
+ morphine 4.5 mM	0.7	(0.5, 0.9)	3.6
Morphine alone	6.1	(4.3, 8.4)	
+ lidocaine 0.45 mM	3.6	(2.6, 4.5)	1.7
+ lidocaine 0.9 mM	1.5	(0.9, 2.6)	4.1
+ lidocaine 1.8 mM	1.3	(0.6, 1.3)	4.7